

*A' cont'd*  
and wherein said interconnecting means on said top and bottom edges are ~~symmetrically~~ <sup>Offset</sup> arranged whereby said insulating construction member can be interconnected with a like member in a bi-directional or reversible manner.

[ Please amend claim 4 as follows:

*11* ~~--1--~~. (Once Amended) An insulating construction block comprising:

*11*  
a pair of substantially parallel side members having top and bottom edges;  
joining means interconnecting said side members;  
interconnecting means on said top and bottom edges, said interconnecting means including at least two [one] rows of alternating projections and recesses <sup>said</sup> ~~wherein a recess of one row is adjacent a projection of the other row,~~ <sup>said</sup> said projections and recesses having substantially the same dimensions;

*11*  
wherein the interconnecting means on said top and bottom edges are substantially ~~symmetrically~~ <sup>Offset</sup> arranged whereby said construction block can be interlocked with a like block in a bi-directional or reversible manner.

[ Please cancel claims 6 and 7. ✓ ✓

[ Please amend claims 8 and 9, line 2, to change "6" to --1--. ✓ ✓

Please cancel claims 14 and 15.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

*A<sup>3</sup>*  
--17. (Once Amended) An insulating construction block according to claim 1, wherein said [web means] joining means is a web [permit adjustability of a distance between said side members].--

Please add new claims 21 and 22 as follows:

*Sub 1*  
*at*  
--21. In an insulating construction member having top and bottom edges and interconnecting means on said top and bottom edges, the improvement wherein said interconnecting means comprises at least two rows of alternating projections and recesses, said projections and recesses being of substantially the same dimension, and an intermediate raised sealing member positioned between said rows of alternating projections and recesses, and wherein said interconnecting means on said top and bottom edges are symmetrically arranged whereby said insulating construction member can be interconnected with a like member in a bi-directional or reversible manner.--

--22. In an insulating construction member having top and bottom edges and interconnecting means on said top and bottom edges, the improvement wherein said